

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and new Claim 20 are active in the case. Claims 8-19 stand withdrawn from consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to UV absorbers that have an affinity for textile fibers.

Specification Amendments

The specification has been amended to introduce appropriate headings therein.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-7 have been amended to make minor corrections of form thereto. None of the amendments are believed to have introduced new matter into the claims and entry of the amendments into the record is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection, 35 USC 112, 2nd Paragraph

The issue raised with respect to Claims 1-7 as to the “use” phraseology that has been employed is believed obviated by amendments made to the claims which cast the claims into conventional method-of-use format. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection raised under 35 USC 101 is also believed obviated by the amendments made to Claims 1-7. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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It is now believed that the application is in proper condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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